THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" A separate question may be put."

SRI B. K. NALLASAMY :—" Now that the power position has improved will the Government consider the question of giving day supply to cultivators, who have entered into a contract for the night supply, in view of the difficulties experienced by them? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I shall have the suggestion considered."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I wish to tell hon. Members that this question relates to the number of villages to which supply of electricity was extended in 1952–53. Hon. Members are going into details. If they want to get information as to details, they may give notice of fresh questions."

SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM :—" பஞ்சப் பிரதேசங்களுக்கு மின்சார வசதி விஸ்தரிப்பதைப்பற்றி சர்க்கார் கவனிக்குமா ?"

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Under the Five-Year Plan, the target for the composite State in respect of extension of electricity to rural areas was 300 villages. For the residuary Madras State, we have calculated and fixed it as 220 villages per annum and we have covered in 1952–53, 206 villages. I must say that it is a fairly good percentage."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" 250 கிராமங்களுக்கு மின்சார வசதி விஸ்தரிக்கப்பட்டதாக மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னார்கள். மொத்தம் எவ்வளவு கிராமங்களிலிருந்து மின்சார வசதி விஸ்தரிப்பதற்காக மனுக்கள் வந்திருந்தன என்பதையும் கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் தெரிவிப்பாரா ?"

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" There is a widespread demand for electricity throughout the State. I have not got the figures which the hon. Member wants. That there is a demand for electricity is conceded. We are trying to do our best."

SRI ANTONY PETER :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether they have advanced any loans to licensee concerns in licensee areas? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have not got the figures on hand with reference to licensee areas and other areas. If a separate question is put, I shall be able to answer it. As to the provision relating to the grant of loans, we have also provided this year as well as in the past for loans to licensees."

Grievances of the elementary school teachers of Malabar.

* 117 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the decision of the Malabar Aided Elementary School Teachers' Union to send a jatha of elementary school teachers to Madras and to demonstrate before the Assembly on 26th February 1954 to show their protest against

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the Modified Scheme of Elementary Education and the Parulekar Committee report and also against the very low salary the elementary school teachers get now; and

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken any decision to redress the grievances of the teachers and to concede their demands?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The Chief Minister, granted an interview to the representatives of the Union on 26th February 1954. They represented :

(i) that their salaries should be increased;

(ii) that there should be no retrenchment on account of the increase of the Teacher-pupil ratio recommended by the Expert Committee; and

(iii) that the Imperial Bank of India does not accept proxies for the receipt of the salary of teachers and that the inconvenience thus caused may be reduced by suitable instructions without reversion to payment by managements.

The Government have already given a categorical assurance that there will be no retrenchment of teachers as a result of the Modified Scheme and this was repeated to the representatives of the Union. The Government are examining the feasability of an early revision of the salaries of teachers within the resources available to this Government. The representations of the Union regarding the payment of salaries will be looked into."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Are the Government aware that recently so many teachers were given notice of retrenchment after they made their representation to the Hon. the Chief Minister and the Hon. the Minister for Education? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is merely notice and I hope it will not be given effect to."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" சர்க்கார் கஜானாவிலிருந்தும் இம்பீரியல் பாங்கிலிருந்தும், ஆரம்பப் பள்ளிக்கூட ஆசிரியர்கள் சம்பளம் வாங்கிக் கொள்ளவேண்டும் என்று சட்டம் இருப்பதனால், அவர்களுக்கு போக்கு வரத்து செலவும் இன்னும் இதர கஷ்டங்களும் ஏற்படுகின்றன. அவர்களுக்கு காலாகாலத்திலும் சுலபமான முறையிலும் சம்பளம் கிடைப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் ஏதாவது ஏற்பாடு செய்வார்களா ?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" At the same time, we have to assure that proper persons will get the pay and there will be no misappropriation in it. That is why a certain amount of rigidity is necessary in this matter."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Government have said that they are considering the question of increasing the salary of teachers. Will they at least make up the balance of Rs. 3 which was promised to aided school teachers years ago? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am very grateful for the valuable suggestion of the hon. Member."

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SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" The memorialists have specially represented to the Government that the new elementary education scheme as far as Malabar is concerned is not practicable and that it will have to be amended to suit the environment of Malabar. Is it not a fact that the Government have given an assurance that this question will be examined as far as Malabar and its peculiar conditions are concerned? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The general impression that I gained at the interview was that they were willing to work the scheme and that it should be possible to work it successfully. Of course, they suggested certain amendments that may be necessary. That is what the Parulekar Committee has also done. That Committee's recommendation is now under consideration of the Government."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" Whenever a question about Malabar is raised, whether it relates to education, agriculture or some other field, it is said that Malabar is peculiarly situated. May I know what is the peculiarity about Malabar? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Now, Members must reply to one another. (Laughter.) But, I wish to relieve them to some extent. Districts differ from districts. Village formations differ in Malabar. There are longer distances to be travelled there than in towns of the East Coast districts which are different. Very soon it may be hoped that Malabar district's arrangement of housing will become as bad as in the East Coast."

Introduction of administrative reforms on the basis of the report of Mr. Appleby.

10-30 a.m. * 118 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether the Government have received any communication from the Central Government in regard to the introduction of administrative reforms on the basis of the report of Mr. Appleby, an American Expert?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Certain tentative opinions on reforms that may be introduced in office work and such other administrative matters were communicated to the State Government; but as these communications were marked confidential, it is regretted that they cannot be placed on the table or contents disclosed as yet. But I may say they are nothing very new or strange in them."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI :—" Mr. Appleby, ஒருவரை வேலையில் சேர்க்கும்பொழுது, அவர் படித்தவராய் மட்டும் இருந்தால் போதாது என்றும் அறிவுள்ளவராகவும் இருக்கவேண்டும் என்று சிபார்சு செய்திருக்கிறார். அப்படியானால், ஏற்கனவே, திறமையும் அனுபவமுள்ள தாசில்தார்களுக்கும் டிபுடி தாசில்தார்களுக்கும் உத்தியோக உயர்வு கொடுக்காமல் அனுபவம் இல்லாத I.A.S. உத்தியோகஸ்தர்களை கலெக்டர்களாகவும் சப் கலெக்டர்களாகவும் நியமிப்பதை சர்க்கார் நிறுத்துமா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, Mr. Appleby has not recommended, I may say at once, that there